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JSA MOURNS DEATH OF THE BATMAN!

For decades he prowled the concrete canyons of Gotham City, the fearless protector of the weak. But now the time has come when even The Batman must die!

Don't miss the conclusion of this startling tale of the Justice Society in ADVENTURE COMICS #462, courtesy of Paul Levitz and Joe Staton.

Iris West experiments with astral-projection and finds herself trapped by "The She-Demon On The Astral Plane." Can The Flash save her in time? Learn the startling answer in this super-speed adventure scripted by Cary Bates and pencilled by Don Heck.

The spirit of Boston Brand lives on in the form of Deadman... but now Deadman finds hope of a true life in a new body in this chilling tale by Len Wein and Jose Garcia-Lopez.

Sargon The Sorcerer forces a young couple to steal a priceless mystic gem for him from its hiding place on... Paradise Island, home of the Amazons! And only Wonder Woman can stop the magical crook in a story by Jack C. Harris and Jack Abel.

And rounding out this issue, Aquaman must take "Executive Action" against the corporation threatening Atlantis with extinction, by Paul Kupperberg, Don Heck and an as-yet-unassigned inker.

With a cover by Jim Aparo, ADVENTURE COMICS #462 goes on sale December 14th.

NEW EXTRA-LENGTH ENGLEHART NOVEL IN WEIRD WAR TALES NO.73!

Steve Englehart returns to the pages of WEIRD WAR TALES #73 with an all-new, 22-page novel chronicling a weird war of the past!

In the year 442 B.C., the Grecian warrior Aristedes is condemned with "The Curse of Zopyrus" for slaying a man in battle. Only the Talisman of Hades can remove the evil spell... but can it be obtained before all three of Aristedes' sons are slain by the curse? The answer can only be found in this Englehart/Ernesto Patricio collaboration!

WEIRD WAR TALES #73, with a cover by Joe Kubert, goes on sale December 14th.

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ROGERS ON NIGHTWING & FLAMEBIRD IN SUPERMAN FAMILY NO.194!

The Crime-Lord of Kandor has appeared to menace Nightwing and Flamebird many times in the past, but now the Dynamic Duo of the bottle-city faces their nemesis for the last "Showdown!" Marshall Rogers steps in to pencil and ink the final chapter of Nightwing and Flamebird, scripted by Paul Kupperberg, in SUPERMAN FAMILY #194.

And leading off this month's Dollar Comic, Superboy discovers what can happen "When the Sorcerer Strikes" as he battles Gary, the witch boy in the Himalayas in this adventure by Tom DeFalco and Joe Staton.

A psychology experiment goes haywire, causing a "Nightmare In New Athens," in this 21-page Supergirl tale by Scott Edelman, pencilled by Don Heck.

Jimmy Olsen's search for The Guardian ends in "Armaggedon Arrives Today," guest-starring the Newsboy Legion and written by DeFalco, with pencils by John Calnan.

With a cover pencilled by Ross Andru, SUPERMAN FAMILY #194 goes on sale December 14th.

MADAME XANADU JOINS UNEXPECTED!

In the pages of the UNEXPECTED #190 almost anything that <u>can</u> happen... will!

And just to prove it, the second Dollar Comic issue of the UNEXPECTED features a 25-page Madame Xanadu tale of mystery originally scheduled for Doorway To Nightmare #6. A dream parasite is loose in the nighttime streets of New York, stealing his victim's sleeping fantasies and weaving them into "A Tapestry of Dreams." Journey with the mysterious Madame Xanadu into the realm of nightmares and fantasy, courtesy of Cary Burkett, Juan Ortiz and Vince Colletta.

Also in this issue, Kyle Christopher tells us that "Every Silver Lining's Got A Cloud," with art by George Rupert and Frank Giacoia.

For these and a host of other tales of mystery and suspense, do not miss the UNEXPECTED #190, on sale December 14th.

RED TORNADO AND PLASTIC MAN IN DC COMICS PRESENTS AND BRAVE & BOLD!

Dynamic team-ups are the order this month with a pair of super-pairs in DC COMICS PRESENTS #7 and BRAVE & BOLD #148.

First out this month, DC COMICS PRESENTS Superman as he teams up with fellow JLAer The Red Tornado in the conclusion of the story begun last issue with Green Lantern. The Man of Steel and The Red Tornado battle the Weaponers of Qward in a war for the fate of the Earth! "The Paralyzed Planet Puzzle" is by Paul Levitz, Dick Dillin and Frank Chiaramonte.

The BRAVE & BOLD one, The Batman, faces one of his most challenging cases with one of his most unusual guest-stars, Plastic Man, in a tale of the Yuletide season. "The Night the Mob Stole XMas" is by Bob Haney, guest-penciller Joe Staton and Jim Aparo.

DC COMICS PRESENTS #7 goes on sale December 14th. BRAVE & BOLD #148 goes on sale December 28th.

ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Who is "The Silent Slayer of Central City?" The answer to that question-- along with the posing of new questions in the life of the Scarlet Speedster and the origin of The Clown-- can be found in FLASH #271 by Cary Bates, with art-chores being handled by fill-in artists Rich Buckler and Jack Abel... The Blockbuster returns to plague The Batman during the holiday season in "Have Yourself A Deadly Little Christmas," by Len Wein, John Calnan and Frank McLaughlin... Wonder Woman must either win her battle with the Empress of the Silver Snake or forfeit! Can the Amazing Amazon win her fight with "The Spirit of Silver, Soul of Gold?" Find out in WONDER WOMAN #253, written by Jack C. Harris, with art by Jose Delbo and Frank Chiaramonte... The Time Trapper plans to use his super-science to alter the past-- and he may succeed unless the Super Friends succeed in their "Manhunt In Time," by E. Nelson Bridwell, Kurt Schaffenberger and Bob Smith in SUPER FRIENDS #18.

Morgan Edge arranges a celebration of the New Year flying across country onboard an SST, but Bizarro returns to ruin the party and nearly kill the people he thinks he is saving in "Happy New Year... Rest In Peace," by Martin Pasko, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte in SUPERMAN #333... An injured Green Lantern is the only man who can stop a tanker of unstable chemicals from exploding, and a new villain makes his criminal debut in "The Crimes of the Crumbler" in GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW #114, by Denny O'Neil, Alex Saviuk and Dave Hunt... Anton Allegro, the mad musician, holds the key to the whereabouts of Zatanna's long-lost mother-- but it's a key that the Justice League and Zatanna must fight for in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #164. "Murder by Melody" is by Gerry Conway, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin... The Legionnaires uncover the source of the strange slime-creature beneath the streets of 30th Century Metropolis in "Capital Crimes of the Chemical Conqueror," by Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and Jack Abel in SUPERBOY & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #249. And Chameleon Boy stars in solo action by Paul Kupperberg and Staton... Everyone in Metropolis has seen the mysterious UFOs over the city! But even Superman is at a loss to explain "The Metropolis-UFO Connection" in ACTION COMICS #493, by Cary Bates, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte.

Bat Lash has involved Scalphunter in a plot to assassinate President Lincoln and the Kiowa brave finds himself in an arm-wrestling contest with the nation's chief executive! Explanations can be found in this tale by Gerry Conway, Dick Ayers and Louis Dominguez in WEIRD WESTERN TALES #53... Jonah Hex helps an old friend work his gold mine and winds up wounded and left to die in "Requiem for a Pack Rat" by Michael Fleisher and Vicente Alcazar in JONAH HEX #22... Gravedigger teams up with a tribe of savage nomads in Egypt to track down a man known only as The Man With the Opened Eye. "The Courier of Death," by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal is in MEN OF WAR #14... Join Travis Morgan in the savage land of Skartaris for his further adventures in WARLORD #19.

The Unknown Soldier goes undercover to determine if an American general is a traitor but uncovers instead a deadly family secret in "Four Stars to Armageddon" in UNKNOWN SOLDIER #225, by Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc... The lights are out in the old house tonight-- and there are spirits about! Make sure not to miss them in GHOSTS #75... A trio of terrifying tales awaits you in HOUSE OF MYSTERY #266: "The Calender Man" is by Steve Clement, Maurice Whitman and John Celardo; "Death's Dominion"

is by Wyatt Gwyon, from the story by Guy de Maupassant, and Frank Redondo; and "Demon Blade" is by Scott Edelman and Abe Ocampo.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF November 21st FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF December 14th:
Men of War #14 / DC Comics Presents #7 / Batman #309 / Flash #271 / Jonah Hex #22 / Justice League of America #164 / Weird War Tales #73 / Ghosts # 74 / Unexpected #190 / Superman Family #194 / Adventure Comics #462 / Famous First Edition #C-61 (Superman #1)

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF December 5th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF December 28th:
Superman #333 / Sgt. Rock #326 / Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #249 / Brave & Bold #148 / Weird Western Tales #53 / House of Mystery #266 / Super Friends #18 / Green Lantern-Green Arrow #114 / Action Comics #493 / Wonder Woman #253 / Warlord #19 / Unknown Soldier #225

A WORD FROM YOUR NEW SPONSOR...

Welcome to the "new" COMING ATTRACTIONS! While we will continue to bring you all the news, changes and editorial re-shufflings, we also hope to add a bit more visual excitement following the legacy left by the departing Mike Gold, our former editor and guiding hand on this mini-publication.

As an editor of various numbers of regular DC Comics, I was always anxious to read each issue of Mike's DCCA-- it was the best way to find out and keep track of what was going on. Doing it myself is easier as it eliminates one step. Hopefully, I'll still be able to provide all the information you need <u>when</u> you need it. I'm open to suggestions... let me hear from you!

Jack C. Harris,
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